as a premier construction company in the Public Sector.

The Company has been undertaking turnkey projects both in India and abroad. The Company has executed constructional projects abroad in Libya, Iraq, North Yeman and Nepal.

A Statement regarding the foreign projects undertaken by the N. B. C. C. and the list of turnkey projects on going and already completed is in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 61.]

Production of fertilizers

*158. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers has registered a quantum jump this year (April to December, 1988) as compared to that during corresponding period last year and in some respects is expected to exceed the targets;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the details of capacity utilisation figures during the said period; and

(d) to what extent the country falls short of self-sufficiency in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a quantum jump in the production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers during the period April to December 1988 as compared to that in the corresponding period last year. Targets, production and capacity utilisation for the period April-Dec., 1988 & April-Dec., 1987 are given below:-

	April-Dec. 1988-89			April-Dec. 1987-88		
	Target (lakh MT)	Production (Lakh Mt)	Cap. Utilisation (%)	Target (lakh MT)	Production (Lakh MT)	Cap. Utilisation (%)
Nitrogen	47.17	49.14	84.1	40.55	38.95	75.0
Phosphate	16.53	18.52	96.1	15.10	11.26	69.4
TOTAL	63.70	67.66	85.4	55.65	50.21	72.6

(d) The supply of nitrogenous fertilizers in the country is comfortable but import of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers is being made as the country does not have significant sources of raw material for the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers nor there is any source of potassic fertilizers (Muriate of Potash). However, the import of fertilizers has substantially declined from about 34 lakh tonnes of nutrients in 1985-86 to 23 lakh tonnes in 1986-87 and to about 10 lakh tonnes in 1987-88.